

Application No. 10/023,408
Reply to Final Office Action dated 2/14/2005

C. REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 1-10, 12-19, and 21-33 in the Office Action dated February 14, 2005. [Final Office Action, p. 3] Applicants amend claims 1, 9, and 18 to include an "and" preceding the final element in each claim. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a timely notice of allowance for allowed claims 1-10, 12-19, and 21-33.

35 USC § 102(b)


Claims 34-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jain et al. (US Patent 6,282,274). Applicants withdraw claims 34-36 and request that a timely notice of allowance be issued in the case for the allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0447 for any fees required or overpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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